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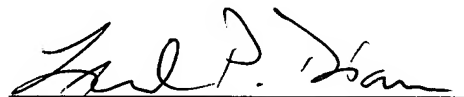
Claims 1-28 are presented for examination, of which claims 1, 9, and 17 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention, and claims 2-7, 10-16, and 18-20 have been amended as to matters of form. Claims 21-28 have been added to provide Applicant with a more complete scope of protection. Specifically, claims 21-28 are non-means plus function claims corresponding to means plus function claims 1-8. Claims 1-4, 9-12, and 17-24 are in independent form.

Claim 1, 9, and 17 have been amended, among other things, to correct inconsistencies in the claims.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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